And there came a day, a day unlike any other, when Earth's Mightiest Heroes found themselves united against a common threat! On that day, the Avengers were born, to fight the foes no single super hero could withstand!

THE MIGHTY AVENGERS

Previously in the Mighty Avengers...

The shape-shifting alien race known as the Skrulls has failed at their attempted invasion of Earth. But the damage has been done.

Skrull agents posing as humans were dispatched all over the world to infiltrate our super-teams, the most devastating plant being Hank Pym, a.k.a. Yellowjacket, ex-Avenger. The sleeper agent altered the Wasp's growth serum to turn her into a biological weapon against her own race, a plan B for the Skrulls. The plan failed and the humans were saved, but Janet van Dyne, did not survive the encounter.

Tony Stark took the blame for the invasion and has been stripped of his dual roles as leader of the Avengers and director of a now, defunct S.H.I.E.L.D. Thunderbolts leader Norman Osborn has risen to power and been appointed to replace Stark.

The humans who were replaced, many of them heroes, have been returned to Earth and now face the enormous task of reentering a world that has moved on without them...including Hank Pym, who also faces a world without Janet van Dyne.

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THE ARCTIC CIRCLE, YEARS AGO.
WHAT DID IRON MAN SAY, HANK?
SAID IT'S REALLY HIM.
AND HE'S ALIVE?
IT'S CAPTAIN AMERICA AND HE IS ALIVE.

I WOULD TOO.
HANK?
NOW.
ARE YOU OKAY?
WHAT?
I ASKED, SIR, IF YOUR LATE WIFE HAD ANY SPECIFIC REQUESTS FOR HER FUNERAL OR IF YOU HAD ANYTHING THAT YOU WANTED ADDED TO THE SERVICE.
UH...NO.
WILL YOU BE SPEAKING AT THE SERVICE?
AM I SUPPOSED TO?
THAT IS COMPLETELY UP TO YOU, SIR.
I DON'T KNOW.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO OR SAY ANYTHING.
YES, SIR. CAPTAIN DANVERS AND I WILL BE IN CONSTANT CONTACT.
EVERYTHING WILL BE TAKEN CARE OF.
BUT THERE'S NO BODY.

PYM!
PYM!
HANK PYM!!
DOCTOR?
IS SHE REALLY DEAD?
WHEN DID YOU KNOW?
--WHEN WERE YA SWITCHED OUT?
--COMMENT ON THE REGISTRATION ACT?
HAVE YOU TALKED TO TONY ST
PYM!
PYM!
HANK PYM!!
PYM!
DOCTOR?
--BLACK GOLIATH!!
PYM!
--CLONE OF THOR!!
HANK PYM!!
DOCTOR?
PYM!
PYM!
HANK PYM!!
DOCTOR?
REPORTS THAT YOU ARE A SKRULL--?
HEY!!
CUT IT OUT!! I MEAN IT!!
SHOW SOME RESPECT!

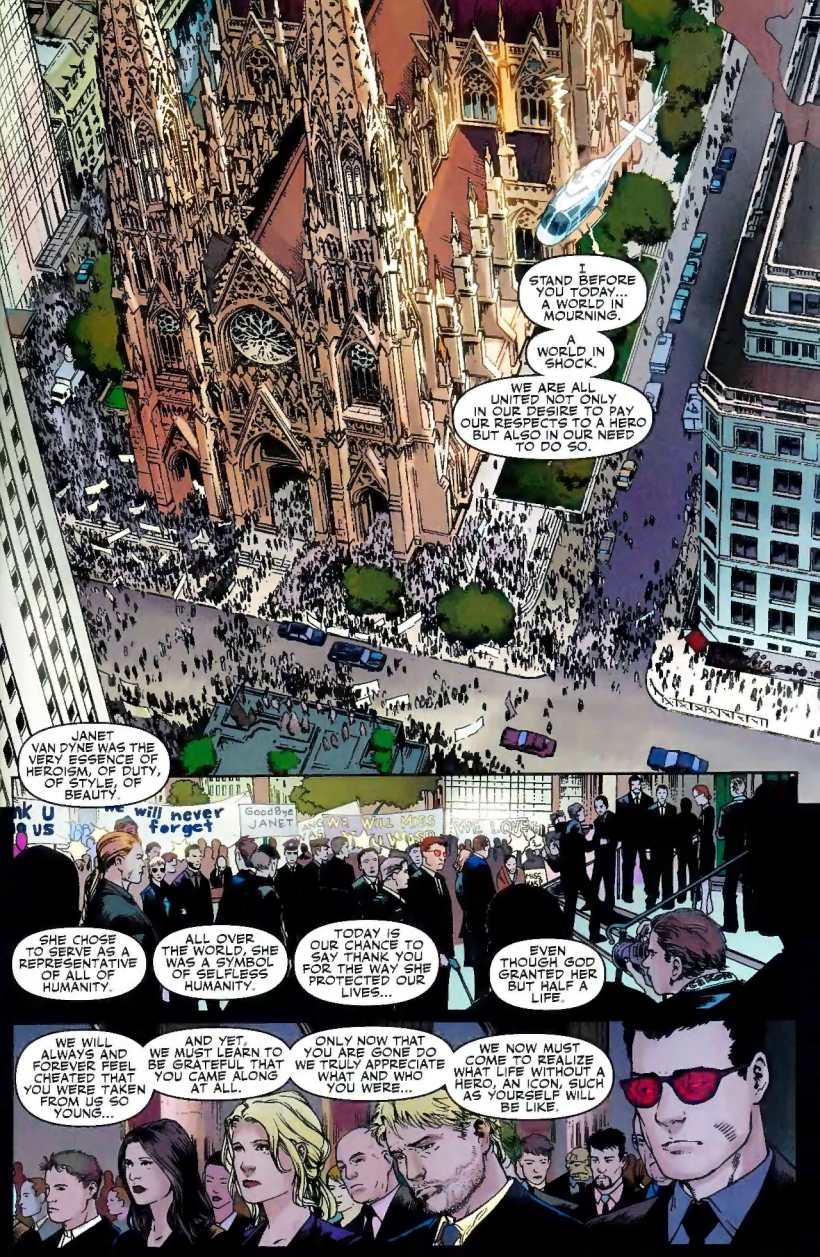
TELL ME WHAT'S HAPPENING. WHY ARE THEY ACTING LIKE THAT?
THE SKRULL WHO REPLACED YOU.
HE WAS, LIKE, THEIR FACE.
THEY HAD YOU ON TV, YOUR FACE, ALL OVER THE WORLD. ANNOUNCING THE SKRULLS' INTENTIONS.
MOST PEOPLE, WHEN THEY SEE YOU, THEY SEE A SKRULL.
I DIDN'T KNOW THAT.
SORRY. IT WAS HARD TO FIND THE RIGHT TIME TO TELL YOU... SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
I'M NOT SURE WHAT DAY IT IS...WHAT YEAR...
I WANT YOU TO TELL ME WHAT'S HAPPENED SINCE I WAS...SWITCHED OUT--
I WANT YOU TO TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON.
OH, HEY, WE CAN DO THAT LATER.
I WANT YOU TO TELL ME EVERYTHING.

NO MORE MUTANTS.

SUPERHUMAN REGISTRATION ACT PASSES

CAPTAIN AMERICA DEAD
FREE

EMBRACE CHANGE.


I STAND BEFORE YOU TODAY... A WORLD IN MOURNING.
A WORLD IN SHOCK.
WE ARE ALL UNITED NOT ONLY IN OUR DESIRE TO PAY OUR RESPECTS TO A HERO BUT ALSO IN OUR NEED TO DO SO.
JANET VAN DYNE WAS THE VERY ESSENCE OF HEROISM, OF DUTY, OF STYLE, OF BEAUTY.
We will never forget
Good Bye JANET
SHE CHOSE TO SERVE AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF ALL OF HUMANITY.
ALL OVER THE WORLD, SHE WAS A SYMBOL OF SELFLESS HUMANITY.
TODAY IS OUR CHANCE TO SAY THANK YOU FOR THE WAY SHE PROTECTED OUR LIVES...
EVEN THOUGH GOD GRANTED HER BUT HALF A LIFE.
WE WILL ALWAYS AND FOREVER FEEL CHEATED THAT YOU WERE TAKEN FROM US SO YOUNG...
AND YET, WE MUST LEARN TO BE GRATEFUL THAT YOU CAME ALONG AT ALL.
ONLY NOW THAT YOU ARE GONE DO WE TRULY APPRECIATE WHAT AND WHO YOU WERE...
WE NOW MUST COME TO REALIZE WHAT LIFE WITHOUT A HERO, AN ICON, SUCH AS YOURSELF WILL BE LIKE.

IT'S CUSTOMARY AT THIS TIME TO ALLOW ANYONE WHO WANTS TO SHARE THEIR WORDS AND FEELINGS ABOUT THE DECEASED TO STEP FORWARD AND DO SO...
DOES *ANYONE* HAVE ANYTHING TO SHARE?
OH NO...

AS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE ONCE-GREAT AVENGERS, I SAY TO THEE, I HAVE FOUGHT ALONGSIDE JANET VAN DYNE IN MANY A BATTLE.
BATTLES THAT HAVE SAVED THIS WORLD FROM DESTRUCTION.
IT WAS MY HONOR TO CALL HER TEAMMATE AND FRIEND.
THE HALLS OF ASGARD SHARE YOUR GRIEF TODAY, AND THEY ALSO SING PRAISE AND REJOICE THAT SUCH A WARRIOR EVER WALKED THIS EARTH.
THE GATES OF VALHALLA ARE RICHER TODAY.
COME, DOCTOR, WE SHALL MOURN TOGETHER IN PRIVATE.